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Perceptions About the Extent of Parental Check and Guidance: GILANI POLL /GALLUP PAKISTAN

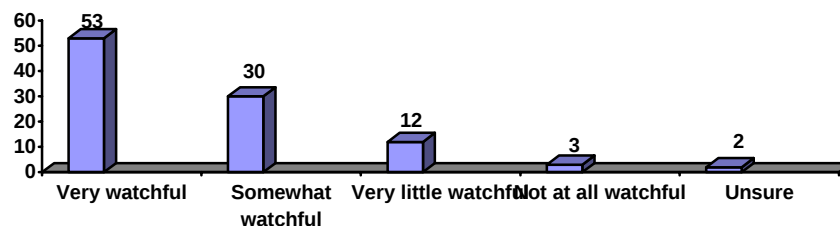
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According to a Gilani Research Foundation survey carried out by Gallup Pakistan, Pakistani parents in general are highly involved with their children's upbringing regarding the choices they make and guide them. In some families, the parental check and guidance maybe to a great extent as compared to others; 83% of all Pakistanis claim their parents keep/kept a lot (53%) or somewhat (30%) of a watch on them, 12% claim their parents were not very protective, while 3% say their parents had/have no say in their lives and 2% were unsure.

A nationally representative sample of men and women from across the country were asked “Some parents keep a strict eye on their children and keep advising them about what to do and what not to do. Also guide them about what is right and what is not. Other parents do not do all of this. What kind of parents do you have or had?” Fifty three percent (53%) said their parents had/have a strict eye on them, 30% claimed their parents are/were watchful to some extent, 12% cited their parents to be not that watchful, whereas 3% claimed their parents did not/do not keep a check on them at all. The remaining 2% of the respondents were unsure.

The findings of the survey reveal that a proportionately higher percentage of rural parents are more protective in nature when upbringing their children as compared to the urban parents who seem to be a little less protective. It is also seen that a proportionately higher percentage of women claim their parents keep/kept a strict check on them.

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Source: Gilani Poll conducted by Gallup Pakistan,
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The study was released by Gilani foundation and carried out by Gallup Pakistan, the Pakistani affiliate of Gallup International. The latest survey was carried out among a sample of 2770 men and women in rural and urban areas of all four provinces of the country, during November 2009. Error margin is estimated to be approximately $\pm 2-3$ per cent at 95% confidence level.

Gallup Pakistan proposes that its poll results be attributed as Gilani Poll conducted by Gallup Pakistan, the Pakistani affiliate of Gallup International. This is to distinguish our polls from polls on Pakistan sometimes released by other organizations not part of Gallup International Association (www.gallup-international.com) and referred to by the same title. Also please see necessary Disclaimer on our website (www.gallup.com.pk). Gallup Pakistan takes responsibility for only its own polls on Pakistan.

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